



SOLID WASTE SYSTEM

Spokane Regional Solid Waste System

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Thank you for your interest in the Master Composter program sponsored by the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System. If you live in Spokane County, and want to learn simple, natural ways to build and retain healthy soil and reduce waste and pollution, and make a valuable contribution to your community, this program is for you! The Master Composter Program has two components - training and volunteering.

- **Training** – Training consists of 6 lecture/discussion/hands-on sessions plus the Compost Fair at Finch Arboretum’s Arbor Day celebration. There is no fee for the class, or the written materials provided. After completion of all class sessions, you will receive a compost bin.

Class Schedule 2010

March 22 (Monday) – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. – WSU/Spokane County Extension, 222 N. Havana

Program Overview – materials and benefits of composting; Municipal Composting

March 27 (Saturday) – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – WSU/Spokane County Extension

Hands-on pile building and vermicomposting

March 29 (Monday) – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. – WSU/Spokane County Extension

Pile monitoring and Compost science

April 5 (Monday) – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. – WSU/Spokane County Extension

Pile monitoring, troubleshooting and outreach plans

April 12 (Monday) – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. – Waste to Energy facility, 2900 S. Geiger Blvd.

A look at the big picture of Spokane’s solid waste (including recycling), with a tour of the Waste to Energy facility

April 19 (Monday) – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – WSU/Spokane County Extension

Pile monitoring, testing and presentation skills

April 24 (Saturday) – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. --The Compost Fair– Arbor Day Festival at Finch Arboretum

Work with veteran Master Composters to share information with the public

The class will be taught by Master Composters and Spokane Regional Solid Waste System staff.

Please feel free to bring a “brown bag” dinner if that is what works for you.

- **Volunteering** -- Individuals who complete the program agree to volunteer at least 40 hours, helping others learn more about composting (i.e. presentations, working in a fair booth, computer work – something to fit your skills). This is in exchange for your training, written materials, and a compost bin.

Home composting is a valuable way to reduce waste and provide a beneficial soil amendment product for your yard and garden. To become part of this program, please complete and return the enclosed registration form by **March 15, 2010**

Please call the **Recycling Hotline, 625-6800**, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Education Coordinator

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Master Composters